(e) *Financial arrangement*

The entire cost on training of teachers of WILL classes, including their TA and Stipends, would be borne by Government of India out of ICDS funds.

**Rail tankers for Gujarat**

964. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways have received any request from Gujarat Government for providing tanker wagons (rail tankers) for the supply of drinking water to the drought affected areas of Gujarat and Saurashtra, if so, what is the response of Government thereto; and

(b) what is the number of rail tankers per day the Railways are likely to spare for providing drinking water in scarcity hit areas of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. Hence question of response does not arise.

(b) Does not arise.

**Waiting list for phone connections**

965. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in Indian Express, dated 16-1-1987 to the effect that more than one million people are on waiting list for phone connections;

(b) whether Government have recently drawn up any plan to improve communication facilities in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the proposed plan is to be implemented and to what extent the waiting list for new phone connections in different parts of the country will be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details of 7th Plan in this respect are given in the enclosed Statement.

**Statement**

Physical Targets proposed to be achieved during the Seventh Plan period are to add the following facilities:—

(i) Provision of about 11 lakhs direct exchange lines;

(ii) Provision of about 9000 long distance public telephones;

This will cover the demand as under:—

| Unit | Meeting the demand for the period upto |
|---|---|
| Metro Telephone Distts. | 1-4-1984 |
| Major Telephone Distts. | 1-4-1984 |
| Minor Telephone Distts. | 1-4-1985 |
| *CIRCLES* | |
| MAX I Exchanges* | 1-4-1986 |
| MAX II Exchanges** | 1-4-1987 |
| MAX III Exchanges*** & MANNUAL EXCHANGES. | 1-4-1990 |

These objectives cover average demand for a telephone unit and the actual dates will vary somewhat from area to area.

* Larger exchanges of more than 2000 lines

** Medium sized exchanges from 200 to 2000 lines

*** Small exchanges of 25, 50 & 100 lines.

**Pregnancy deaths in the country**

966. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item